

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 034956

53

ORIGIN EUR-03

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /004 R

66603

DRAFTED BY: EUR/RPE:MHLEVINE

APPROVED BY: EUR/RPE:MHLEVINE

----- 057259

P 142306Z FEB 75

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY BONN PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 034956

FOLL REPEAT OECD PARIS 04099 ACTION SECSTATE 14 FEB 75 QUOTE

C N F I D E N T I A L OECD PARIS 04099

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, OECD

SUBJECT: HEADS OF DELEGATION DISCUSSION OF OECD

MINISTERIAL DATES AND CHAIRMANSHIP

REF: USOECD 3963, USOECD 3962, USOECD 3961

1. DURING HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING FEBRUARY 14, SECRETARY GENERAL VAN LENNEP INDICATED THAT WHILE DATES OF MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE WERE NOT FINALIZED, DISCUSSION WAS CENTERING AROUND WEEK OF JUNE 8. HE THEN BROACHED SUBJECT ORIGINALLY OFFERED ON PERSONAL BASIS BY AMBASSADOR TOWE AT PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING (USOECD 3963) CONCERNING POSSIBILITY OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL AT FINANCE MINISTER LEVEL TO ADOPT SOLIDARITY FUND AND PERHAPS DISCUSS BROAD ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ISSUES FACING WORLD TODAY. SWEDISH DELEGATE ENDORSED WEEK OF JUNE 8 BUT QUESTIONED VALUE OF A SPECIAL MEETING TO ESTABLISH SOLIDARITY FUND IN MARCH. HE POINTED OUT THAT IEA WAS ESTABLISHED SUCCESSFULLY WITHOUT SUCH AN AFFAIR AND IT IS STILL UNKNOWN WHAT COUNTRIES WILL ELECT TO JOIN NEW FACILITY. CANADIAN DELEGATE AGAIN SPOKE IN FAVOR OF MARCH MEETING. JAPANESE DELEGATE INDICATED NO PROBLEM
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 034956

WITH DATES IN LATE MAY OR EARLY JUNE FOR MINISTERIAL

BUT EXPRESSED NEGATIVE ATTITUDE ON MARCH MEETING, IN PART DUE TO BUDGET DISCUSSIONS THEN TO BE UNDERWAY IN DIET. FRANCE HAD NO OBJECTION TO MARCH MEETING ON THE DUAL CONDITIONS THAT IT BE BUILT AROUND VERY SPECIFIC DISCUSSION POINTS AND IN NO CASE REPLACED THE USUAL MINISTERIAL MEETING IN JUNE. HE INDICATED THAT GOF CONSIDERED JUNE MINISTERIAL EXTREMELY USEFUL AND ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO DEALING WITH CURRENT WORLD CONDITIONS. BRITISH DELEGATE WAS NOT IN POSITION TO TAKE A FIRM POSITION ON MARCH MEETING, BUT SAID THAT IN EVENT TRADE PLEDGE WAS CONTEMPLATED FOR CONSIDERATION, HMG WOULD NOT BE IN POSITION TO DISCUSS TRADE PLEDGE BY THAT EARLY DATE. GERMAN AMBASSADOR TOOK UNENTHUSIASTIC POSITION ON MARCH MEETING BUT INDICATED THAT IN NO EVENT WOULD HIS GOVERNMENT WISH TO INTERFERE WITH CONTINUATION OF JUNE MINISTERIAL.

2. IN SUMMARY, SECRETARY GENERAL INDICATED THAT HE WAS NOT NOW PROPOSING A MARCH MEETING; HE HAD RAISED SUBJECT AGAIN BECAUSE OF SOME INTEREST IN IDEA EXPRESSED IN INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH CERTAIN MEMBERS OF VAN YPERSELE COMMITTEE WHO WERE IN SESSION AT OECD YESTERDAY. HE INDICATED THAT PRINCIPAL ADVANTAGE OF MARCH MEETING WOULD BE TO REINFORCE BUSINESSLIKE AND FINANCIAL REALITY ASPECTS OF SOLIDARITY FUND IN EYES OF PUBLIC. HE INDICATED THAT UP TO THIS POINT POLITICAL FACETS OF FACILITY HAD BEEN SO PROMINENT THAT EMPHASIS ON PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF FUND AT THIS TIME MIGHT BE USEFUL IN ORDER FOR IT TO BE TAKEN MORE SERIOUSLY AS A SOUND FINANCIAL INITIATIVE. HIS DECISION TO PROCEED FURTHER WITH THIS MATTER WAS LEFT OPEN, BUT RECEPTION GIVEN TO CONCEPT OF MARCH MEETING WAS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC. THERE WAS STRONG SUPPORT, HOWEVER, FOR CONTINUATION OF JUNE CONFERENCE, REGARDED AS EXCEEDINGLY IMPORTANT BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, WITH OR WITHOUT A SPRING MEETING.

3. DURING MEETING, SECRETARY GENERAL ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT UNITED KINGDOM HAD AGREED TO CHAIR ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL DURING 1975, SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE OF MEMBER STATES. THERE WAS NO CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 034956

OBJECTION TO THIS APPOINTMENT, ALTHOUGH DELEGATE FROM JAPAN WAS FORCED TO RESERVE JUDGMENT DUE TO LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM TOKYO. DUE TO THE JAPANESE RESERVATION, FORMAL APPROVAL OF THIS ACTION WAS POSTPONED UNTIL A COUNCIL MEETING TO BE CALLED ESPECIALLY FOR THAT PURPOSE NEXT TUESDAY. THE DELEGATE FROM GREECE POINTED OUT THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD NEVER CHAIRED A MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE SINCE THE CREATION OF OEEC AND

INDICATED THAT HE WAS CALLING COUNCIL'S ATTENTION TO GOG'S
DESIRE TO DO SO IN 1976. DELEGATE FROM UK INDICATED
HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD SUPPORT GREEK CANDIDACY AT THAT
TIME.
TURNER
C
UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MINISTERIAL MEETINGS, ORGANIZATION & MANAGEMENT, MEETINGS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 14 FEB 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ElyME
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975STATE034956
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: EUR/RPE:MHLEVINE
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750056-0073
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750240/aaaabjnj.tel
Line Count: 122
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: USOED 3963, USOED 3962, USOED 396, 1
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ElyME
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 13 MAY 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <13 MAY 2003 by ifshinsr>; APPROVED <06 OCT 2003 by ElyME>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: HEADS OF DELEGATION DISCUSSION OF OECD MINISTERIAL DATES AND CHAIRMANSHIP
TAGS: PORG, OECD
To: BONN
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006